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SUBJECT: PRISONERS REQUEST TO TELEPHONE CONGRESSIONAL
LEADERS

REF: A. MEXICO 06840

B. KRIZEK/MCANINCH TELECON MAY 9

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS IN REF
TELECON, EMBASSY INFORMED SPOKESMAN FOR PRISONERS AT
SANTA MARTA PENITENCIARY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

EMBASSY HAS RELAYED THEIR REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN
PLACING TELEPHONE CALLS TO ONE CONGRESSMAN AND EIGHT
SENATORS TO THE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS THE LIST OF
QUESTIONS THEY WISHED TO RAISE WITH CONGRESSMEN. THE
DEPARTMENT DOES NOT THINK IT WOULD BE OPPORTUNE AT THIS
TIME FOR THE PRISONERS TO PRESS IMMEDIATELY FOR TELEPHONE
CALLS TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT IS
FORWARDING TO EACH OF THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS NAMED BY
THE PRISONERS A COPY OF THE QUESTIONS THEY WISH TO RAISE,
AND IS INFORMING THE CONGRESSMEN OF THE PRISONERS' DESIRE
TO TALK TO THEM BY TELEPHONE. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE
SENT TO THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WITHIN A WEEK.

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2. SPOKESMAN FOR THE PRISONERS SEEMED DISAPPOINTED THAT
THEY COULD NOT BE PUT IN MORE IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, BUT HOPED HE COULD PERSUADE THE OTHER
PRISONERS TO BE PATIENT.

3. EMBASSY IS RECEIVING MANY INQUIRIES FROM THE MEDIA ON

THIS ISSUE. AMONG THOSE INQUIRING ARE NBC-TV AND ABC-TV, WHO INDICATE THAT THEIR WASHINGTON OFFICES ARE READY TO GIVE FILM COVERAGE TO THE TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS SHOULD THEY TAKE PLACE. WE ASSUME THE PRISONERS ALREADY HAVE GIVEN THE CORRESPONDENTS HERE THEIR VERSION OF THE DEPARMENT'S RESPONSE, OR WILL BY TOMORROW MORNING. THEREFORE, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 10, WE PROPOSE TO RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

THE EMBASSY HAS RELAYED THE REQUEST OF THE PRISONERS FOR DIRECT TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH CERTAIN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO THE DEPARMENT OF STATE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL FORWARD TO EACH OF THE NAMED MEMBERS THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE PRISONERS AND THEIR DESIRE TO TALK BY TELEPHONE TO THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO URGE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY ON EXECUTION OF PENAL SANCTIONS AND PASSAGE OF THE IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION. THOMPSON

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